

THEY DID NOT REPORT.

The Eight Democratic Senators Did Not Appear at the Senate Chamber Yesterday.

But McQuirk Says He Could Have Taken Them There if Necessary.

The House of Representatives Did Some Business and Held a Long Caucus in the Afternoon.

No democratic senators were dragged up on the hill yesterday, although old Mr. McQuirk remarked that he was able to take them there if ordered. He added that he did not care to make any trouble for them, especially Charles Hoffman, who was his intimate friend. The democratic senators did not even attend the daily meeting of the republican senators. They are in no hurry about the matter. If they decide to organize the senate it will not be because of the law contained in the long winded warrant issued by the republicans. That produced the same effect on the situation as a child's torpedo would. It has absolutely no bearing on the case. The senate met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. After the roll call, prayer by the chaplain and reading of the minutes, Lieut. Gov. Richards remarked that the democratic senators had not reported. He was informed that they were not quite ready but would report at 2 o'clock in a body. Senator Fisher called for the report of the sergeant-at-arms. That officer walked forward and announced that he had seen Mr. Thornton, but that gentleman had refused to come to the senate. The sergeant-at-arms had not yet seen Senator Hennessy. Senator Brown then moved for a recess until 2 o'clock. Senator Richards said: "I think the sergeant-at-arms should continue his work until finished. I want to see that order executed. I insist that they shall come with him or absolutely refuse to come. There is no half-way play about this. The speech apparently failed to impress the senators with the seriousness of the situation. A recess until 2 o'clock was then taken. The senators gathered in the ante-room adjoining the senate chamber and discussed matters. At the afternoon session the lieutenant-governor said that no report had been received and the sergeant-at-arms reported that he had not seen any of the absent members. A recess was taken until 3 o'clock. At that hour the lieutenant-governor sent out for the sergeant-at-arms, who came running in with a screw driver in his hand. He was instructed by the lieutenant-governor to take no further action with the warrant, but to resume his duties and to relieve Mr. Kelly, the temporary sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Richards stated that the democratic senators would report at 10 o'clock on Monday morning to which hour the meeting was adjourned. The senators afterward gathered in groups and talked over matters in a very animated way. Senator Parberry was the only democratic senator to be seen about the corridors. Among the visitors during the day were the warlike and his henchman Bernard. The gallery contained a few spectators who were loud in their disappointment at not seeing the democratic senators come on the floor and organize the senate.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Reports From Two Committees—A Clerk Appointed and a Caucus Held.

The house of representatives met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, with the speaker in the chair. After the preliminary proceedings Mr. Conly, of the committee of ways and means, presented the following report, which was adopted: "We, your committee, respectfully report that Miss Annie M. Noonan has been engaged to perform the duties of clerk for this committee. The report was signed by the committee, Messrs. Conly, Toole and Cratchfield. Some discussion arose over the employment of clerks for the committees. Mr. Conly stated that the house had decided that the ways and means and judiciary committees were entitled to a clerk each, and that as many clerks as might be required could be employed by other committees. On motion of Mr. Hogan the house took a recess until 2 o'clock. In the afternoon session Mr. Beach reported from the committee of supplies that 100 printed copies of the rules for the government of the body had been received from the Journal Publishing Co. The report was accepted. After a recess of twenty minutes, Mr. Carney presented a communication from the people of Virginia City which he asked to be read. It was decided to refer it to the caucus. The house adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock. A long caucus was afterward held.

THE RUMP MEETING.

Committees Appointed Yesterday and Notices of Bills Given.

At yesterday morning's session of the rump speaker Witter, after the opening preliminaries, announced the following standing committees:

Ways and means—Holter, Thompson, Harrington, Boardman, Stebbins, Bray, Cory.

Judiciary and federal relations—Dolan, Goodman, Howe, Eaton, Hastie, Thompson, Harrington.

State affairs—Cory, Blair, Horaky, Moran, Mitchell.

Public lands—Loud, Blake, Hastie, Thompson, Waite, Cory, Goodman.

Privileges and elections—Harrington, Stebbins, Greenough, Howe, Boardman.

Agriculture and stock raising—Hastie, Newcomer, Norton, Loud, Mitchell.

Education and labor—Howe, Hoffman, Phillips, Newcomer, Leachery.

Irrigation and water rights—Goodman, Wing, Dolan, Blake, Moran.

Mines and mineral—Eaton, Roberts, Leachery, Blair, Horaky.

Towns, counties and highways—Harran, Bray, Stebbins, Hoffman, Holter.

Railroads—Cory, Norton, Loud, Hoffman, Phillips, Dolan.

Military affairs—Bray, Phillips, Horaky, Wing, Leachery.

Incorporations and manufactures—Waite, Greenough, Eaton, Cory, Moneth.

State institutions and public buildings—Norton, Harrington, Boardman, Loud, Hastie, Wing, Blake.

Engrossment—Phillips, Goodman, Roberts.

Enrollment—Mitchell, Moran, Moneth.

Printing—Mitchell, Howe, Harran, Waite, Goodman.

Titles and joint rules—Witter, Boardman, Thompson.

A communication from the senate of the state of Washington, containing a memorial of the legislature of that state to the congress of the United States, having for consideration the subject of state, granted and school lands, was received and read, and referred to the committee on public lands.

Holter gave notice of a bill to define the size and quality of documents to be printed at the expense of the state.

The list of standing committees was ordered to be printed.

At the afternoon session there was no quorum for a few minutes until Witter came in, when the rump started in again. Moneth offered a slight amendment to the rules, and Stebbins, of Park, who is the youngest member elected to the legislature, introduced without notice a bill to provide

for seals for the supreme and district courts of the state.

Capt. Taylor, the sergeant-at-arms, startled the rump yesterday morning by announcing that the senate would be organized during the afternoon. The statement had a visible effect. It brightened the rump up and they became chatty and mirthful.

After Stebbins' bill had been read a recess was had until 3 p. m. After recess they adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

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SATISFIED HIS IMAGINATION.

How a Dentist Administered Gas to a Gullible Patient.

It was about 2 o'clock on a chill morning when Mr. Y. presented himself at the door of a dentist in the village of W., and after a series of thundering knocks at the door, with a good deal of vigorous exercise upon the bell handle, succeeded in bringing that gentleman to the window overhead.

"What is it?" asked the doctor.

"Do you pull teeth?" Mr. X. demanded.

"Yes, when I have to," was the reply.

"Then I want a tooth pulled."

"All right. Come back in the morning and I'll take it out for you."

"Come back in the morning?" ejaculated Mr. X. "What do take me for? Here I've been in torment these two days, and for the last two hours I've been hunting all over this confounded town after a dentist, and now I'd like to have the job done at once if there is any way to fix it."

The dentist at first started, but at last he consented to come down and get the tooth out at once; and after a due interval, in which he made his hasty toilet, Mr. X. was admitted to the house. The child of the night was everywhere, but X. was too intent upon getting rid of the troublesome molar to mind that, and he was duly installed in the operating chair and an examination made.

"Hold on there," X. said, as the dentist, having satisfied himself which was the troublesome tooth, took up his forceps and prepared for work. "I want to take gas. This tooth has given me about all the pain I can stand from it."

"Well," the dentist answered, "the gas is a little low, but if you insist I will give you what there is. It will lessen the pain, though very likely you will feel it none."

The conventional breathing tube of black rubber was produced, and X. proceeded to inhale for dear life. For a moment the dentist allowed him to pump his lungs full from the gas reservoir, and then, taking the breathing tube away, he quickly whipped in the forceps and whipped out the tooth.

"I did feel it some," X. observed, when he was able to get his mouth in a condition which allowed him to speak.

"Did you?" the dentist asked, sympathetically. "Not much, I hope."

"Not so very much," X. replied. "Still, I know when it came."

When a moment later X. prepared to pay his bill, and asked the price, he was surprised to be told a sum which was so small that it seemed that a mistake must have been made.

"But is that all you ask for administering gas?" he asked.

"Oh, bless you," was the smiling answer. "There wasn't any gas there. I only let you breathe into the tube a little to satisfy your imagination."

X. did not at first know just whether to be vexed or amused, but wisely concluding that the latter was the better policy, he smiled as they went home chuckling, and got himself to bed as the first streaks of the coming dawn began to show in the sky.

In the Place of Clerks.

A somewhat novel proposition is about to be made congress as a substitute for the one that comes up every year and each time is defeated, to give every representative in congress a clerk at the government's expense. The members all agree that they need clerks badly, and that it is only right that the government should pay for them, but they always refuse to do so as they think for fear of the wrath of their constituents. It is to be proposed, however, that the government shall rent two phonographs for each of the 325 members, one of them to be kept at the member's residence and the other at the capitol. The plan is to have the members talk all their correspondence into the machine and have the cylinders unloaded at the phonograph headquarters, the bills to be paid by the government. The projectors of this scheme think that the members would be more ready to vote for this mode of assistance than they would for live secretaries, for the reason that the expense to the government would be much less. The phonograph people are decidedly in favor of the new plan.

The Strike on the N. P.

From an authoritative source it is understood that there is no strike whatever on the Northern Pacific and that trains are running regularly as usual. Last Monday the switchmen and brakemen on the division extending from Ellensburg to Pictou, were refused a demand for increased pay. Our informant states that all the disturbers were removed and new men placed in their positions. There was no great inconvenience by the temporary difficulty and what little there was is now entirely removed and all is serene on the Potomac.

New Traffic Arrangement.

Passenger Agent Vezzie, of the Union Pacific, says that the traffic arrangement between the Union Pacific and Montana Central railroads, which was cancelled Nov. 10, has been renewed. All freight and passenger traffic will be handled as per former agreement.

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COURT HOUSE CULLINGS.

Private Benjamin Bentley has been elected second lieutenant of Battery A., M. N. G.

Charles Martinson, a native of Sweden, took out his final naturalization papers yesterday.

Lieut. Gov. Richards had a canopy of bunting hung about half way between the ceiling and floor in the senate chamber. This is to break the sound waves and make the room better adapted for speaking.

Articles of incorporation of the Gallatin Water company were filed yesterday in the office of the secretary of state. The capital is \$10,000 in 100 shares of \$100 each. The incorporators are Alexander H. Black, Lewis P. Lay, Zachariah Lay, Lewis E. Lay, Theodore J. Lynde.

The Scandinavians of Helena.

The Scandinavians will hold a meeting at the Presbyterian church, corner Fifth avenue and Ewing street, Saturday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 o'clock in order to adopt a formal constitution for the church, to elect trustees and transact business in general.

As this meeting will be of great importance to church work, the presence of one and all is earnestly solicited.

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REED'S LAND RECORD.

The Speaker of the House On the Side of the Corporations.

If coming events cast their shadows before it is safe to say that a terrible effort will be made to have all the remaining land grants to railroad corporations confirmed by the present congress, says a recent Washington dispatch. There is a powerful lobby already assembled here and no effort will be spared to complete the titles of the great corporations to these unearned land grants. The election of Thomas H. Reed as speaker of the house was the first victory for this lobby. In fact the land grant corporations did more than any other class to make Mr. Reed speaker. It is true that all of the great corporations, trusts and money barons pooled issues to help Reed, but the land fellows formed the backbone of his support. Mr. Reed can be relied upon to make his committees so that the Northern Pacific and other grants will stand a good chance of being confirmed. This is the last chance. The most hopeful republican has no expectation that the house of the Fifty-second congress will have a republican majority. The democrats feel now that the next house will have over fifty majority. The land grants stand very little chance of confirmation in a democratic house, and consequently all the powers of the lobby will be exerted to rob the people of their lands in the interest of corporations during the present congress.

The record of Thomas B. Reed, the speaker of the present house, so far as it relates to land grants for railroad corporations is interesting at this time. On January 21, 1884, a resolution was pending in the house which declared it to be the judgment of the house that the public lands theretofore granted to aid in the construction of railroads so far as the same were subject to forfeiture by reason of the non-fulfillment of the conditions of the grants, ought to be declared forfeited to the United States and restored to the public domain. There was a yea and nay vote, and Reed voted nay. [See 561, Vol. 64, Congressional Record.]

On July 27, 1885, a bill to forfeit so much of the Northern Pacific grant as lies west of Bismarck was pending. There was a yea and nay vote, and Reed voted no. [See page 7,514, Vol. 61, Congressional Record.]

On July 5, 1888, the question was, "Shall the senate bill forfeiting 5,627,436 acres be passed in preference to the house bill forfeiting 54,325,966 acres. The issue was decided between the two bills. Reed voted to pass the senate bill. [See page 5,535, volume 93, Congressional Record.]

These instances illustrate Mr. Reed's position and record on this question, and when he declares the judgment of the committee and the public lands committee of the next house it will be interesting to observe how they are constructed. The landless people of the west who made such a rush to Oklahoma, who were hungering for the lands now occupied by Indians, who are preparing to try and grasp a homestead in that portion of the Sioux reservation about to be added to the public domain, will not be interested in Mr. Reed's efforts to confirm to great railroad corporations nearly 60,000,000 acres of the people's lands.

DIED.

JONES—At the Sisters' hospital, Helena, Mont., Dec. 12, Richard Floyd Jones, of pneumonia, after a short illness.

Funeral services, Friends are invited.

Rocky Mountain Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F.

A regular meeting of the above Encampment will be held on the second and fourth Friday of each month at their lodge room in this city at 7:30 p. m. Sojourning brothers are cordially invited to attend. D. J. WAIT, C. P. HENRY ANDERSEN, Secs.

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